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Via Electronic Filing System

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Moultrie Independent Tel. Co.; CC Docket No. 96-45; Ex Parte Notice

Petition for Review filed in US Court of Appeals, DC Circuit

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed for filing in the captioned formal rulemaking proceeding is a notice to all parties that Moultrie Independent Telephone Company has filed an appeal with the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit regarding the following FCC order: *Moultrie Independent Telephone Company, Motion for Stay of Part 69.605(a) of the Commission's Rules and Petition for Declaratory Ruling, Request for Waiver of Part 36 of the Commission's Rules, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Order, CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 01-292*, released October 5, 2001.

The court has assigned Case No. 01-1506 to this appeal. A copy of the petition for review was served on parties that commented on Moultrie's petition for declaratory ruling. The purpose of this filing is to notify all parties in all facets of the proceedings designated by the CC Docket No. 96-45. A copy of the petition for review is attached.

Please contact the undersigned counsel if you have any questions regarding this filing or the court appeal.

Sincerely,

Loretta J. Garcia

CC: Qualex International (w/ att.)